

CITY OF LEON VALLEY



Citizens Police Advisory Committee Meeting

Leon Valley City Council Chambers

6400 El Verde Road, Leon Valley, Texas 78238

Wednesday, June 20, 2018

MINUTES

1. The Citizens Police Advisory Committee of the City of Leon Valley, Texas met on the 20th day of June 2018, at 6:00 p.m. in the Leon Valley City Hall located at 6400 El Verde Road, Leon Valley, Texas for the purpose of the following business:

The meeting was called to order by board Chairperson Marianna Sanchez at 6:02 p.m. with the following in attendance: Marianna Sanchez, Charles (Chuck) Hawsey, Richard Blackmore, Jesse Barrera, Susan Hillje, Ruth Fernandez, Matilda Valerio, Heather Riddle, Karen Seiffert, Linda Lozano, Minnie Ruiz, Councilor Benny Martinez, Chief Joseph Salvaggio and Captain Ruben Saucedo.

2. Chairperson Sanchez requested a review of the May 16, 2018. meeting minutes. A correction to the minutes was recommended and approved. A motion to approve the meeting minutes with changes was proposed and seconded. The motion carried.
3. Chief's Report is as follows:
 - a. **Burglary of Vehicle Campaign (Lock your Car, Take Your Keys, Hide Your Valuables):** Public Works crews continue to erect signs at each neighborhood throughout the City. **Action:** Provide updates on progress.
 - b. **Impound Lot:** There were 110 cars towed in the month of May. The City grossed over \$22,000 for the period. The next Impound Lot auction will be held on June 28th at 9 am. **Action:** Provide reports in the future on the status of the Impound Lot.
 - c. **On It! Audit Program:** The City is doing inspections of all businesses in Leon Valley. We are working closely with the business owners to fix violations as they are discovered. **Action:** Continue to conduct audits and report back with findings.
 - d. **Neighborhood Officer Assignments:** The board was informed the officer assigned to the Shadow Mist subdivision resigned his full-time duty status for personal reasons. Officer Feliciano has been assigned as the new neighborhood point of contact. **Action:** Inform CPAC of any changes as they occur.
 - e. **Auditors:** A discussion occurred with the members concerning the latest activity of the auditors. No action taken, discussion only. **Action:** Keep the board informed as to the progress with the auditors.
 - f. **Citizen Concerns from Last Meeting:**
 - i. Motorists cutting through the Seneca Plaza parking lot
 - ii. Question of "nuisance" calls to police on persons based on color or mere appearance
 - iii. Non-emergency phone calls not being answered by Bexar 911
 - iv. Request for flashing stop sign on Forest Way @ Forest Crest

- v. Status of school crossing signs on Huebner @ Evers reported to On it!
- vi. Absence of lights in parking lot across City Hall
- vii. Request for Fire Department representation at the CPAC Meeting
- viii. Carl's Jr. / Dickie's BBQ property needs attention
- ix. Recent curfew violations have increased at 6812 Poss Road
- x. Property in San Antonio city limits at Woodchase Drive defaced
- xi. Status update of Evers Road bridge and July 4 contingency plans if still closed
- xii. Status update of Arredondo Group – dumping trash
- xiii. Contractors driving on El Verde speeding to work
- xiv. Width of truck tractors hauling concrete fabrications on Bandera Road
- xv. Truck tractors double parked on Seneca next to construction site of Quik Trip

4. Consider Possible Action:

- a. **Neighborhood Watch Program:** Only new information was the announcement of the Seneca 1 HOA meeting scheduled for May 29 was cancelled. Shadow Mist Neighborhood Watch program is meeting and discussing issues. **Action:** Neighborhood watch programs continue to meet and share information to keep residents informed.
- b. **Photographic Traffic Safety Camera Program:** Committee members were advised as to the latest stats concerning the program. Committee members were given answers to the question on what gets reported to the State of Texas for drivers license and vehicle registration purposes. **Action:** Keep members informed of the progress.
- c. **Pre-emption System for First Responders:** The system is functional and the City is still in the six-month testing period. **Action:** Continue to monitor the effectiveness of the system.
- d. **July 4th Celebration:** The celebration has been changed to start at 7:30 am for the 5K run, followed by the Parade at 9:00 am, and the inaugural Soap Box Derby at 11:00 am. The festival event will not open until 5:00 pm this year. Security measures are the same, with exception of a clear bag policy being placed in effect. The City will provide the clear bags for the first 3000 attendees.

5. New Items Discussed:

- a. **Changes to City of Leon Valley Code of Ordinances Article 3.04 Signs:** Committee members referred to the packet insert that was provided concerning the current sign ordinances. The areas of discussion focused on allowing political signs at a pre-designated area at City Hall and outside of the library during election season. A vote was taken and everyone unanimously voted to allow the "sign garden" as long as it was kept within a well-defined space and not allowed all over. A further discussion occurred on allowing yard sale or other types of signs along the curbs and major streets throughout the City of Leon Valley. A subsequent vote was taken and the board unanimously voted not to change the current ordinance to allow yard sale or other types of signs along the curbs or in the grassy area between the curb and sidewalks. Both of these votes will be reported to City Council as informational only, as there is a committee being formed in the near future to discuss this issue further. **Action:** Present vote to City Council and the committee when formed.
- b. **Changes to City of Leon Valley Code of Ordinances Chapter 2 of Animal Control:** Committee members referred to the packet inserts concerning changes to the Animal Code. Changes were recommended by the board are as follows:
 - i. Chickens (fowl):
 - 1. Clarify definition of where the chickens can be on one's own residence.
 - 2. Define the combination of animals allowed on a property as four, including chickens.
 - 3. No roosters allowed in the City limits of Leon Valley.

4. All chickens must be in a pen; no free-range chickens allowed.
 5. Reduce the distance chicken enclosures must be from any residence from 150' to 100'.
 6. Add sanitary conditions to the ordinance.
 7. Define the enclosure dimensions as at least six feet per fowl and must include a roof.
- ii. **Cats (feline):**
 1. Keep the Trap, Neuter and Release Program, but add it to the ordinance.
 2. Define the maximum number of feral cats that a resident may feed as two.
 3. Define a neighbor's rights to have felines removed from their property
 4. Solidify the Barn Relocation Program in the ordinance.
 - iii. **Action:** Brief the board recommendations at an upcoming City Council meeting and provide input at the committee when formed.
- c. **Charter Amendments:** The committee asked to table the charter amendments until a future meeting. **Action:** Place charter amendments on future agenda.
 - d. **Citizens Police Academy:** The next class will be in November of 2018. More information will be given in the future. **Action:** Keep committee informed of the dates and subjects to be taught.
 - e. **Through Traffic Streets:** A discussion occurred concerning issues with large trucks utilizing neighborhoods to cut through to avoid Bandera and Evers. We went over the current ordinance that defines each street that currently has a no through truck provision. All committee members stated every neighborhood street that abuts Bandera and Evers Roads should have the "No Through Trucks Allowed" added to each street that cuts across the neighborhoods. A vote was taken and it was unanimous to recommend this to the City Council. **Action:** Brief the City Council for a vote at an upcoming City Council meeting.


6. Citizen Concerns and Committee Member Comments

- a. No concerns; believe the police are doing a great job in the community.
- b. Used car business utilizing cars and switching plates.
- c. Boat and trailer on the road at 6037 Trone Trail.
- d. Someone parking a trailer at the corner of Rue Francois and Rue Sophie.

Adjournment

The next meeting was set for Wednesday, July 18, 2018 at 6 pm. Committee member Blackmore made the motion to adjourn the July meeting, which was seconded by Mrs. Hillje. Chairperson Marianna Sanchez announced the meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:


Charles Hawsey
For Marianna Sanchez